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Atty. Dkt. No. 1999-0177

I. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant affirms the provisional election of Group I (claims 3-5) for the present application in response to the restriction requirement.

Conclusion

Thus, the Applicant submits that all of these claims are now presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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